



Town of Wyoming
Council Meeting Minutes
Wyoming Town Annex
December 1, 2014
7:30 P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rife called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council attending: Mayor Dale Rife, Vice Mayor Terry Witt, Secretary Jaci Stokes, Treasurer Kyle Dixon, Councilwoman Lisa Fulcher

Council Absent: None

Staff attending: Town Clerk Pamela Haddick, Chief of Police Martin Willey

Audience attending: Sheryl Ford, Paul Cable, Glenn Neese, Joyce Stockslager, Mike Quinn, Bill Spruill, Phyllis Collins, Jody Sweeney, Terry Pepper

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Rife stated that a short Executive Session needed to be added on to the agenda. *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept the agenda as corrected. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – GOOD NEWS

- Mayor Rife asked Mr. Bill Spruill to come forward for a Certificate of Appreciation from the town for all the extra work he does at no charge to the town. He is a great help to our maintenance department in particular as well as the entire town.
- The Layton Avenue Drainage Project is almost complete and has been doing the job we wanted it to do.
- Representative Blakey, prior to leaving office, gave us the money to fix the rest of the storm drains on Southern Boulevard from his CTF money.
- We also asked Representative Blakey for the funds to resurface S. Layton Avenue from Southern Blvd to Camden Wyoming Avenue (\$23,128); however, he did not have enough money left in his CTF account to handle that.
- We asked Senator Bushweller for the funds to resurface S. Layton Avenue from Southern Blvd. to Peach Street (\$46,919) and he agreed to give us that as well as the money that we had requested from Representative Blakey. He will be giving us a total of \$70,047 to resurface all of S. Layton Avenue from Peach Street to Camden Wyoming Avenue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- We have received two quotes to remove and fill in the swimming pool that is an issue at 105 N. Caesar Rodney Avenue. The lower of the two was \$5,500. Mayor Rife called and spoke to Kent County and to DNREC. Both said we did not have to remove the concrete, just fill in the hole and smooth it out. She thought we might consider bringing the part time maintenance man back to help Lew tear down and remove the fence and pump the pool out. We can get dirt delivered by Porter Sand and Gravel to fill in the hole for about \$750 to \$1,000. Lew and Matt could then rake it smooth and the issue would be taken care of. Chief Willey and Mr. Witt both stated that they would prefer seeing holes punched in the bottom before putting in the dirt so that the water can drain out the bottom when it rains. Lew should be able to rent a jackhammer and do that himself also. *Ms. Stokes made a motion to have Lew and Matt tear down the fence, pump out the water in the pool, punch holes in the bottom and fill with dirt. Mr. Witt seconded the motion. Ms. Stokes, Aye; Mr. Witt, Aye; Mr. Dixon, Aye; Ms. Fulcher, Nay. Motion passed.*
- Mayor Rife stated that she and Mrs. Haddick attended the DLLG dinner meeting in November. The speakers were from U of D IPA and discussed some city planning issues.

CORRESPONDENCE – Correspondence is available in Town Hall for anyone interested.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- *Mr. Witt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dixon to accept the previous meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Dixon presented the reports for council to review. He asked that everyone pay particular attention to the budget amendment in the packets. Mayor Rife suggested that council have a workshop after the holidays to discuss the budget amendment and all agreed. *Ms. Stokes made a motion seconded by Mr. Witt to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.*
- Mr. Dixon also stated that delinquent notices have gone out on taxes and licenses and some of that money is starting to come in.

POLICE REPORT

- Chief Willey gave the monthly report for November
- Chief Willey stated that Highway Safety has given the department \$4,400 for DUI Patrols.
- Mr. Terry Pepper and Mr. Jody Sweeney were present to present Chief Willey with a grant check from Kent County Levy Court.
- Chief Willey stated that he would have an intern for the Christmas holiday. Mayor Rife asked what the intern would be doing. Chief Willey stated that she would be assisting in preparing for court cases and with the reorganization of the Rules and Regulations for the Police Department.
- Chief Willey stated that he now has Ms. Armour set up on the COPS grant and she will be able to go in and draw down the money so that we can start getting reimbursement payments.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Mr. Neese was present to give the monthly report. He stated that there were 224 medical calls last month and 46 Fire and Rescue alarms. On the road time for the fire apparatus was

23 hours, average number of volunteers responding per alarm was 20 and an average of 9 calls per day.

- Mr. Neese stated that Santa would be on the Fire Truck on 12/12 – 12/17.
- There was some questioning about what was going on with the juice factory and concern about ammonia leaks.

C/W SEWER & WATER REPORT

- Mr. Quinn was present to give the report. Mr. Quinn was asked about Winterberry Woods and he stated that they were still in negotiations.

PLANNING & ZONING

- The amendment to the amendment was discussed. Planning and Zoning would like to see it sent back to the attorney to look back at the original and to define the difference between a developer and property owners and state that developers would need to do a full subdivision but the individual property owners could make minor changes. *Terry Witt motioned to send the amendment to the amendment back to the attorney with the provisions/recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in Favor. Opposed, none. Not voting, none. Motion carried.*
- Council briefly discussed the Conditional Use that the Public Hearing was held for prior to the Council Meeting. *Mr. Witt motioned to accept the Conditional Use for Southern Boulevard. Ms. Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor. Opposed, none. Not voting, none. Motion carried.*

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT/ CODE VIOLATION REPORT

- Mr. Snyder was not in attendance to go over the reports; however, the building inspector report was included in the packets.

PARK/STREET REPORT

- Mr. Witt stated that the pick-up truck was still at the body shop.
- Mr. Witt stated that a resident on Railroad Avenue has placed a pile of leaves on the curb for pick up. The office has sent them a letter stating that we do not offer a curb side “vac” service and explaining the yard waste pick-up regulations.
- Lew will be painting the bricks on Town Hall that have been repointed.
- Ms. Fulcher stated that she didn’t have anything new for the park

ANNEXATION – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- The Hiring Policy was tabled until January so that Council had more time to review.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Tentative schedule of meetings. Please check with Town Hall for any changes or cancellations.

- Town Council Meeting – 1/5/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- CWSWA – 12/9/14, 7:00 p.m., CWSWA Office
- Planning & Zoning – 12/9/14, 7:30 p.m., Annex CANCELLED

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Ms. Stokes stated that the Peach Festival received a \$600 grant from Levy Court. She will be reapplying again this year and the paperwork is due by December 15th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

The Council took a break prior to the Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Dixon made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to go into Executive Session. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 8:30 p. m.

The Council returned to Regular Session at 8:55 p. m.

Ms. Fulcher made a motion seconded by Ms. Stokes to adjourn. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Haddick, CMC, Town Clerk/Office Manager